

WELCOME TO THE STRATH HAVEN FAMILY

8th Grade Parent Orientation
Strath Haven High School
Class of 2026



MISSION STATEMENT

Strath Haven High School graduates will possess the ability to apply their knowledge and skills to:

- Act as responsible citizens engaged in their community, nation, and the world around them
- Maintain personal integrity and healthy decision-making
- Exhibit intellectual curiosity and aesthetic appreciation
- Demonstrate self-awareness and informed critical thinking

in order to ensure success in post-secondary education, the workplace, and the home.



Bridge Crossing

June 17th





SPIRIT / PRIDE

How to Get Students Involved

Fall Sports- Athletic Director Pat Clancy

- Fall Sports: Monday, August 15th
(Freshman Soccer - 1st Day of School)
- Full-year physical form available at www.piaa.org.

Marching Band/Bandfront – Band Director Nick Pignataro

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| □ August 22nd - 26th | Marching Band Drumline Camp |
| □ August 26th | New Student Band Orientation 9am-11am |
| □ August 29th - September 1st | Marching Band Camp |
| □ September 1st | First Full-Band Halftime Performance |

Activities Fair in September – Activities Coordinator Jennifer Zanoni

9th Grade Orientation - TBD



Student Life – Striving for Balance

- ◆ Participation in clubs, sports, community service.
- ◆ Course selection that allows for challenge, but also time to recharge.
- ◆ Time and space for homework, free of distractions.
- ◆ Access to teachers and counselors during 5th block.



How to Get Involved as Parents

1. Become a booster for sports and/or clubs
2. Attend Back-to-School Nights (Fall and Spring)
3. Check the website regularly for announcements
4. Check the parent portal for academic and attendance updates
5. Join the Home and School Association and attend monthly meetings on the second Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Library
6. Read the Friday e-blasts



Virtual Back to School Night

SHHS: Back to School Night

Home

Counseling

Departments

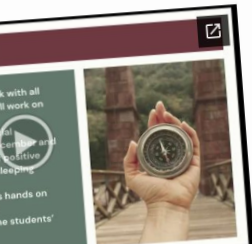


STRATH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

ENGLISH AND READING

MIRIAM DREW



Stone Seminar

[Syllabus](#)



English 10 (CP)

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for each department from the navigation menu at the top of the screen. Our for families on the Counseling page.



Principal's Message

<https://sites.google.com/wssdgmail.org/spring2021backtoschool/home>



Graduation Requirements

CLASS OF 2026

English	5.0
Math	4.0
Science	4.0
Social Studies	4.0
World Languages	3.0
Fine and Applied Arts	3.0
Health/Physical Ed	2.0
Other courses	4.0
Total	29.0



BLOCK SCHEDULING

- 8 courses each year (four per semester)
- 80 minutes per class
- 4 courses per semester
- 32 total credits earned by graduation
 - 29 required, allowing for potential need to explore areas of interest
 - Fifth block music credits may lead to a graduate with 35-36 credits



A Day in the Life of a ninth grade student...

<u>Time</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Spring</u>
7:35-9:05	Environ. Science	Adv. Algebra I
9:10-10:30	Health/PE	<i>Elective*</i>
10:35-11:15	-----Lunch -----	
11:20-12:40	English 9	English 9
12:45-2:05	<i>World Language*</i>	US History
2:10-3:05**	Marching Band	Club/Activity
3:15-5:00	Soccer	Track

**Learning centers may replace these courses for students who qualify.*

****Teachers available for extra help during this block**



Required Core Curriculum

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
English 9	English 10	English 11 or AP Seminar	English 12 or AP Literature
US History	Modern World 1	Modern World 2	US Gov't or College Social Science Seminar
Environmental Science	Biology	Chemistry	Any other available science course
Math: See the flowchart Complete Algebra 2			
World Lang. 2	World Lang. 3	World Lang. 4	AP World Lang
Health/PE 1	Health/PE 2		



Elective Courses

Options for elective courses increase as students progress through high school:

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- 9th Grade – one elective choice
- 10th Grade – two elective choices
- 11th Grade – up to three elective choices
- 12th Grade – up to four elective choices



Business/Math

Accounting

Marketing

Business Administration

Financial Literacy

AP Microeconomics

AP Macroeconomics

Calculus Honors, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC

Linear Algebra

Multivariable Calculus



Writing/Communication

Journalism

Creative Writing

Public Speaking

AP Language and Composition

Coding for Web Design

Graphic Design

Intro to Psychology or AP Psychology

Video and Broadcast Production



Visual Arts

Art 1 (2D Art)

Art 2 (Painting and Printmaking)

Art 3 (Portfolio Preparation)

Graphic Design 1, 2, 3, 4

Visual Communication

Digital Photography 1, 2

Interior Architecture

AP Studio Art



Music Electives

During the School Day	During 5 th block
Instrumental Music	Marching Band
Vocal Music	Bandfront
Intro to Guitar	Jazz Band *by audition
Exploring Music Software/Comp	Orchestra
Music Through American History	Camerata
Social, Political, Cultural Evolution of Pop Music	Symphonic Band
Rock/Pop Music Composition	
Advanced Music Theory	
Jazz Workshop	
AP Music Theory	



History/Social Sciences

Anthropology

AP Macroeconomics or Microeconomics

African-American Studies

Philosophy

Psychology – Intro or AP

Social Issues/Social Justice

World History

World Religions

AP US History



Science

AP Biology (full year)

AP Chemistry (full year)

Biotechnology

Bioethics

Physics

AP Physics Mechanical

AP Physics Electricity

These courses are generally available after the completion of Chemistry. Please check the Silver Guide for pre-requisite information.



Hands On Learning

Family Consumer Science

- ◆ Childhood 1, 2
- ◆ Essentials of Cooking
- ◆ Culinary Arts
- ◆ Baking and Pastry Arts
- ◆ Interior Architecture
- ◆ Clothing Design 1, 2

Technology Education

- ◆ Engineering and Architecture: Computer Aided Drafting and Design
- ◆ Auto Lab 1, 2
- ◆ Wood Tech 1, 2
- ◆ Robotics



DELAWARE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Construction Technology

Hospitality, Tourism and Human Services

Health and Bioscience

Logistics, Distribution and Transportation

Engineering and Computer Science

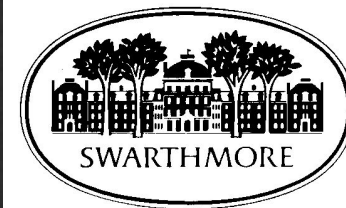
[Delaware County Technical School](#)



Real World Experience and Opportunities: Grades 11 and 12



Delaware
County
Community
College



Upperclass students are able to take a non-traditional approach to earn credits:

Independent Study
Co-Op or Field Career
Dual Enrollment
Courses at Swarthmore College



Scheduling Process

March 11th

Visitations to 8th Grade Classrooms

March 11th -18th

Portal will be live for course selection

www.powerschool.com/public

Username and password: Student ID #

March/April

Gather enrollment numbers and begin communication with department chairs



Scheduling Process

April

Use PowerSchool to build the schedule; input number of sections, teacher assignments, and load prerequisites

May through June

Analyze the schedule, ensure balance in student schedule, and target any issues that need to be fixed

Mid-August

Schedules go live for students to see



Issues with Course Registration?

For questions about your child, course recommendations, or other transition questions:

Contact: Erica Laster, Middle School Counselor at x7306

For questions related to PowerSchool, the course registration process, and any other troubleshooting issues:

Contact: Andrea LaPira, High School Assistant Principal at x2102



Department Chairs

English	Mr. Matthew Wood	(mwood@wssd.org)
Mathematics	Mrs. Lysa Rieger	(lrieger@wssd.org)
Science	Ms. Kathryn Shepard	(kshepard@wssd.org)
Social Studies	Mr. Richard Foulk	(rfoulk@wssd.org)
World Languages	Mr. Gino Miraglia	(gmiraglia@wssd.org)
Performing Arts	Mr. Henry Pearlberg	(hpearlberg@wssd.org)
Fine Arts	Mrs. Jennifer Rodgers	(jrodgers@wssd.org)
Business, Tech., Engineering	Mrs. Katie McLead	(kmclead@wssd.org)
FCS	Ms. Jennifer Zanoni (jzanoni@wssd.org)
Health/Physical Ed	Mrs. Margie Garrity	(mgarrity@wssd.org)
Special Education	Mrs. Regina Hollis	(rhollis@wssd.org)

Thank you!

